

**ARTICLE 26-COUNCIL ON AGING (amended STM 11/04/2019):**

**Section 1: Establishment; powers and duties**

A. There is hereby established a Council on Aging consisting of seven (7) citizens of this town, appointed by the Select Board for terms not to exceed three (3) years for any member. Said terms shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be reappointed for consecutive terms.

B. The duties of said Council on Aging shall be to:

1. Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population;
2. Educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens concerning these needs;
3. Design, promote or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community; and
4. Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

C. Said Council on Aging shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs and shall be cognizant of all state and federal legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exists for better community programming for the elderly.

D. Said Council on Aging shall give an annual report to the Select Board with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs.

**Section 2: Council funds:**

A. The Council on Aging is hereby authorized to accept grants or gifts from the state and federal government, from charitable corporation, from a private corporation, or from an individual. Such funds as may from time to time be received shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer and held as a separate account.

B. The Council on Aging is further authorized to deposit to said account all sums received in connection with the conduct of programs or activities it is authorized to conduct.

C. The Council on Aging may, with the approval of the Select Board, expend funds from the said account for any purpose it is authorized to perform without further appropriation.